

December 1, 1999

Provider Notice 99-24

TO: Hospitals

SUBJECT: Conversion of Emergency Room Z Codes to CPT Codes

Requirements for Recipient Intake, Treatment Planning, and Service Documentation:

Effective for dates of service January 1, 2000 and after, Medicaid's current emergency room facility fee Z codes will be converted to CPT codes. Please incorporate these new CPT codes into your protocol when billing emergency room facility fees for Medicaid recipients.

Old Z Codes	New CPT Codes	Reimbursement Amount
Z5299 (brief visit)	99281* or 99282* or 99283*	\$38.36 \$38.36 \$38.36
Z5300 (limited)	99284*	\$70.29
Z5301 (critical care)	99285*	\$294.13

*For specific description of services required for these CPT codes please refer to the current CPT procedural code book. When billing for crossover claims the "Z" codes will be accepted for any date of service.

Any questions regarding the information in this notice should be directed to the Medical Services Outreach & Education Unit at the Alabama Medicaid Agency at (334) 242-5455.

signed: W. Dale Walley, Acting Commissioner

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REMINDER: ALL MEDICAID RECIPIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PRESENT PROPER IDENTIFICATION TO A PROVIDER OF MEDICAL CARE OR SERVICES. PROVIDERS MUST VERIFY ELIGIBILITY BEFORE PROVIDING TREATMENT OR SERVICE UNDER THE MEDICAID PROGRAM.

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